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Resolution 4-17-F. Resolution to Support our DACA recipient students

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to stand in solidarity with WKU students who are DACA recipients

WHEREAS: The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program which provided temporary protection from deportation for hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to the United States as children has been rescinded as of September 5th, 2017, and

WHEREAS: Our DACA recipient students have unique needs, and we must support their needs, and wants as representatives of all students, and

WHEREAS: A DREAM act is one of those needs for these young Hilltoppers (DREAMers) in order to obtain a more permanent immigration status, such as Permanent Residency. We support the passage of a DREAM act that would allow for the adjustment of immigration status of many of our current and past Hilltoppers (DREAMers) without jeopardizing their families as well, who both may otherwise be left without an immigration status and be at threat for removal from the school, and the country, if Congress fails to act within 6 months from the date DACA was rescinded, and

WHEREAS: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Protecting all student information including immigration status is something that we, the students, will protect, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, veteran status, or marital status in admission to career and technical education programs and/or activities, or employment practices in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Revised 1992, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University has students from different national origins which include those with different immigration statuses, and it is our duty as representatives of all students to provide support to DACA recipient students, and assure their success in our institution, workforce, and country,
because we stand with our students, we stand with DREAMers, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to stand in solidarity with WKU students who are DACA recipients

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